ന്നതു പോലെ പൊന്നുംവില ക്രടാതെ സ്ഥലം കൊടുക്കാൻ തയ്യാറുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആ സംഗതികളെക്കൂടി ആലോചിച്ച് ഇൻവെസ്റ്റിഗേഷൻ നടത്തി ഒരു പുതുക്കിയ എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് അയയ്ക്കാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെടാം. വേറെ ഒരു റോഡിനെപ്പറ്റി നിങ്ങൾ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ആ റോഡിന്റെ എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ പരിശോധനയിൽ ഇരിക്കയാണ്.

[One difficulty in regard to the proposed road was the need for acquiring a large extent of land on payment of compensation. Now that the people are said to be willing to surrender the required lands free of cost, a revised estimate will be called for. The estimate relating to the other road is under examination by the Government.]

57. Canals in Kottayam town.

MR. ABRAHAM JOHN (*Trading Classes, Kottayam*) said that the traders of Kottayam were in the habit of bringing their merchandise from Cochin and Alleppey in canoes through the Vembanad lake. The two wharves at Kottayam where the merchandise was landed, *viz.* the Cutcherry *kadavu* and the Chantha *kadavu*, were at the south-western and south-eastern ends, respectively, of the Thirunakkara market and were a good distance away from the business centre of the market. The Chantha *kadavu* might be extended to the east of the market for the benefit of the traders. The town and the market were expanding towards the east. Hence, if the Chantha *kadavu* were extended towards Nagampadam, lying to the north of the town, by excavating a portion of the lands, the Minachil and Kodur rivers might be made to meet, transport facilities considerably enhanced and the loading and unloading of goods in canoes in the eastern portion of the town rendered possible. The expenditure involved in opening a canal to the east of the town was only slight as the work of excavation had to be carried out only in fields and low lands. The work should be taken up early.

The tail-end of the Pallikonam canal was too narrow. The canal therefore overflowed its banks during the rainy season, causing considerable damage to property. It was very necessary to provide an outlet to the water finding its way to that portion of the canal. The neck of low land, half a furlong wide, lying between that canal and the Puthenangadi canal, which was connected with the Kodur river, could be easily cut through and the two canals joined. If the two canals were thus made to meet, the banks of the Pallikonam canal could be saved from inundation. A new water communication might also be so opened between Thazhathangadi, a very populous and important business centre in Kottayam, and the Kodur river. For the development of trade in Kottayam and for the convenience of the people, the canal should be opened without delay.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Abraham John. The two canals that you have advocated have not been investigated yet. I shall ask the Chief Engineer to investigate the two canals you have mentioned ; and after receiving his report, Government will consider that.